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CDF Director Geldert Holds Roundtable Discussion with Local Fire Agencies on 2005 Fire Preparedness

Fire Chief Dale Geldert, director of CDF, and Deputy Director Jim Wright will facilitate a roundtable discussion with local fire leaders today at the CDF Emergency Command Center in Fresno. This is the second in a series of meetings with fire leaders throughout the state to discuss fire issues.

Last month CDF celebrated 100 years of providing forestry and fire protection services to California.

At that time Governor Schwarzenegger proclaimed Wildfire Awareness Week and has since made a serious commitment of resources to CDF with his May Revision of the 2005-2006 budget.

The Governor's budget included additional funds for CDF which includes:

- \$10.8 million for fire engine replacement
- \$2.4 million for communications upgrades
- \$500,000 for additional radio inventory

These additional funds will benefit units throughout the state, including Fresno-Kings.

Elevated Fire Risk

As of June 13, all of CDF's 21 fire operation units statewide moved into the period of elevated fire risk. CDF is the primary responder to wildland fires in over 31 million acres of the State Responsibility Area.

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